

(B) Section 304(d)(1) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 434(d)(1)) is amended by inserting "or (g)" after "subsection (c)".

(5) In section 214(b), strike "the second sentence of section 402(c)" and insert "section 402(c)(1)".

(6) In section 313(a)(4) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (as amended by section 301 of the bill), insert "without limitation," after "for transfers".

(7) In section 607(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code (as amended by section 302 of the bill), insert "not" after "imprisoned".

(8) In section 301(25) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (as added by section 304(c) of the bill), strike "The term" and insert "For purposes of sections 315(i) and 315A and paragraph (26), the term".

(9) Amend section 402 to read as follows:

SEC. 402. EFFECTIVE DATES AND REGULATIONS.

(a) GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in the succeeding provisions of this section, the effective date of this Act, and the amendments made by this Act, is November 6, 2002.

(2) MODIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.—The amendments made by—

(A) section 102 shall apply with respect to contributions made on or after January 1, 2003; and

(B) section 307 shall take effect as provided in subsection (e) of such section.

(3) SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATES AND REGULATIONS; JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Title IV shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(4) PROVISIONS NOT TO APPLY TO RUNOFF ELECTIONS.—Section 323(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (as added by section 101(a)), section 103(a), title II, sections 304 (including section 315(j) of Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as added by section 304(a)(2)), 305 (notwithstanding subsection (c) of such section), 311, 316, 318, and 319, and title V (and the amendments made by such sections and titles) shall take effect on November 6, 2002, but shall not apply with respect to runoff elections, recounts, or election contests resulting from elections held prior to such date.

(b) SOFT MONEY OF NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except for subsection (b) of such section, section 323 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (as added by section 101(a)) shall take effect on November 6, 2002.

(2) TRANSITIONAL RULES FOR THE SPENDING OF SOFT MONEY OF NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 323(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (as added by section 101(a)), if a national committee of a political party described in such section (including any person who is subject to such section under paragraph (2) of such section), has received funds described in such section prior to November 6, 2002, the rules described in subparagraph (B) shall apply with respect to the spending of the amount of such funds in the possession of such committee as of such date.

(B) USE OF EXCESS SOFT MONEY FUNDS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses (ii) and (iii), the national committee of a political party may use the amount described in subparagraph (A) prior to January 1, 2003, solely for the purpose of—

(I) retiring outstanding debts or obligations that were incurred solely in connection with an election held prior to November 6, 2002; or

(II) paying expenses or retiring outstanding debts or paying for obligations that were incurred solely in connection with any runoff election, recount, or election contest resulting from an election held prior to November 6, 2002.

(ii) PROHIBITION ON USING SOFT MONEY FOR HARD MONEY EXPENSES, DEBTS, AND OBLIGATIONS.—A national committee of a political party may not use the amount described in subparagraph (A) for any expenditure (as defined in section 301(9) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(9))) or for retiring outstanding debts or obligations that were incurred for such an expenditure.

(iii) PROHIBITION OF BUILDING FUND USES.—A national committee of a political party may not use the amount described in subparagraph (A) for activities to defray the costs of the construction or purchase of any office building or facility.

(c) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Federal Election Commission shall promulgate regulations to carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act that are under the Commission's jurisdiction not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) SOFT MONEY OF POLITICAL PARTIES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Election Commission shall promulgate regulations to carry out title I of this Act and the amendments made by such title.

(10) Add at the end of section 403 the following:

(c) CHALLENGE BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—Any Member of Congress may bring an action, subject to the special rules described in subsection (a), for declaratory or injunctive relief to challenge the constitutionality of any provision of this Act or any amendment made by this Act.

(d) APPLICABILITY.—

(1) INITIAL CLAIMS.—With respect to any action initially filed on or before December 31, 2006, the provisions of subsection (a) shall apply with respect to each action described in such section.

(2) SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS.—With respect to any action initially filed after December 31, 2006, the provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to any action described in such section unless the person filing such action elects such provisions to apply to the action.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object

Mr. Speaker, it has been a long and difficult road to campaign finance reform. But it has been a road well worth taking.

With the adoption of this package of technical amendments, the legislative branch will have worked the people's will and taken an important step forward in taming the influence of special interests.

I commend the other body for moving expeditiously on Shays-Meehan.

I urge the President to sign immediately this landmark legislation.

The technical amendments before us, with the exception of one, are just that: Technical. They simply correct minor drafting errors and clarify provisions of Shays-Meehan that this House overwhelmingly passed on February 13.

These amendments will help ensure that this historic reform legislation achieves its central purpose: Banning unregulated soft money donations to the National parties.

The foes of Shays-Meehan have lost the battle in Congress. But they are determined to continue the battle on a new battleground, the Judiciary, and they are apparently determined to do whatever it takes to become lead plaintiff.

Under our system of laws, that is their right.

To help them gain standing, one amendment before us authorizes any member of

Congress to challenge this legislation. Supporters of Shays-Meehan are confident the legislation will withstand Constitutional challenge, just as it withstood legislative challenge.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Shays-Meehan to be sent to the White House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 361.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA OR THE HON. FRANK R. WOLF TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH APRIL 9, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 20, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 9, 2002.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE PLAN FOR ACTION PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 2(b) of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-106), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House to the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission:

As voting members:

Ms. Vicky A. Bailey, Washington, D.C.,

Mr. Earl G. Graves, Sr., New York, New York,

Mr. Michael L. Lomax, New Orleans, Louisiana,

Mr. Robert L. Wright, Alexandria, Virginia,